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SENATOR CHAMBERS: The constitution says so, and in compliance with the constitution and the laws regulating that, certainly.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Senator Chambers. So I think that's universally held. Now, in this day and in this culture, I would offer to you what has been proven in a number of states, Florida being a case in point. People carrying on their person unconcealed firearms are provocative. It is a provocation. In some cases, as I mentioned earlier today, it could be looked upon as disturbing the peace, which is exactly why the state of Florida pulled out from their bill that it was all right to carry an unconcealed arm. It must be concealed, evidently on the idea that what you don't know doesn't hurt you, which is also true. It's how we go about allowing people to exercise And we can do it in one of two ways: 28-1202, this right. which assumes you are guilty until you're proven innocent; or LB 265 passed into law, that says you're innocent until proven quilty. And if you have done the things that it is stipulated in the bill to do, ... if you misuse that right, you are still going to go and suffer what Francis Bacon said, the worst torture of all, the torture of laws. We need a bill like this And even though very few will use it, they will be able to do what they have a right to do within the law, within a structure, within the control of the state....

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: ...with the knowledge...did you say one minute, sir? With the knowledge of the police. And I would offer to you that this is the best thing that we can do for the police, for the population of Nebraska, is to put this into state law and make this a state policy. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Schimek. (Visitors introduced.) Also, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 59 and LR 60. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'd like to relinquish my time to Senator Chambers, if I might.